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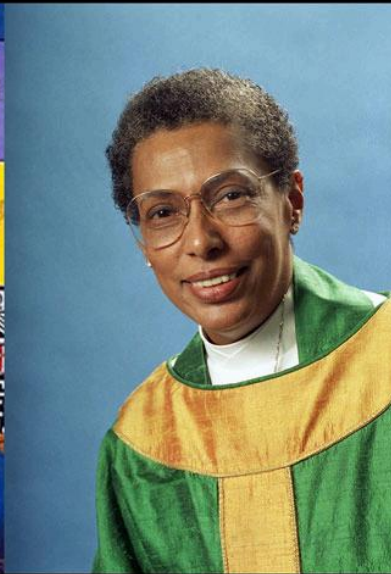
Grounded in Christ *Growing Anew!*

February 5, 2025

SACRED GROUND Absalom Jones | Barbara Harris Day Celebration



The Rev. Absalom Jones



Bishop Barbara Harris



The Rev. Valerie Mayo
Diocese of North Carolina

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Welcome all and join us for an ecumenical celebration and Eucharist for the life and work of the Rev. Absalom Jones and Bishop Barbara Harris.

[Absalom Jones](#) was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in The Episcopal Church. [Barbara Harris](#) was the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the Episcopal Church.

The celebration will feature [the Rev. Valerie Mayo](#), rector of [St. Titus Episcopal Church](#) in Durham, NC and a strategic consultant to Sacred Ground, as the guest preacher.

The Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh will be the celebrant. Musical selections will be provided by Fresh Anointing.

Sponsored by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative.



A Letter from the Bishop

Dear friends,

I write to announce that **Rebecca Steiner** has joined our diocesan staff as Senior Accountant and Treasurer. As such, she will fulfill many, but not all, of the responsibilities that Elaine Zevkovich had assumed as Treasurer and Director of Administration.



Rebecca is originally from Erie, PA, but she now lives in the vibrant community of Brentwood in the South Hills. She has over a decade of accounting experience, and she has worked in non-profit organizations during the last five years. In addition to working with numbers, Rebecca enjoys doing community service and spending time with family.

Please join me in offering a warm welcome to Rebecca as she begins her tenure on the diocesan staff.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read '+ Eric McIntosh'.



Diocesan Appointments

Mary Amanda Dew of St. Thomas, Oakmont, was appointed by Bishop Ketlen to serve on the Board of Trustees through 2027.

R. J. King, also from St. Thomas, Oakmont, was appointed by Bishop Ketlen to serve on the Board through 2025.

The Rev. Erin Morey of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was appointed by Bishop Ketlen to serve on the Commission on Ministry through 2027.

Eileen Sharbaugh of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was elected by the Standing Committee to serve as its Secretary. Eileen will also serve as the Secretary to Diocesan Council.

Eric Linn of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was appointed to be the President of the Board of Trustees by Bishop Ketlen. **Jane Delano**, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was elected by the



Board to serve as Secretary.

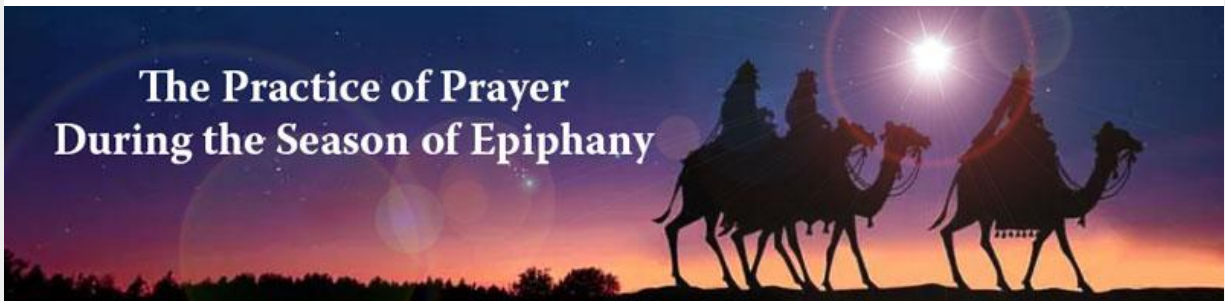
The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was elected to serve as the President of Diocesan Council. Bryan Webb, Redeemer, Squirrel Hill, was elected as Council's Vice President.

David Payne of Trinity Cathedral was appointed to serve on the Cathedral Chapter by Bishop Ketlen through 2027.

Steve Bloomberg of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, was reappointed by Bishop Ketlen to serve as Vice Chancellor through 2025.

Susanne DeWalt, of Calvary, East Liberty, was appointed by Bishop Ketlen to serve as the Church Attorney.

The Rev. Linda Tardy Wilson was appointed by Bishop Ketlen to the Board of Directors of Shepard Wellness Community.



The online Epiphany Prayer Course has begun! And, here is what you need to know:

The entire course will be offered online via an easy to register Zoom link [here](#).

It will meet every Sunday till the end of the Epiphany season on **Sunday, March 2**. Each gathering should last about an hour.

If you don't like to pray, or if you need some encouragement to renew your efforts to pray, or if you are already a faithful person of prayer, your participation is welcome. If a participant has to miss a session, it is okay to pick up on the next session and continue the course. It's also okay to join as a new participant anytime.

Please join fellow travelers in this time of learning together as we draw our hearts closer to God and strengthen our ministry partnerships with Jesus and each other.

This gathering is also a wonderful lead up to a diocesan-wide 24-hour online prayer vigil to be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

[Click here to register](#)



Book & Jewelry Sale at Atonement in Carnegie

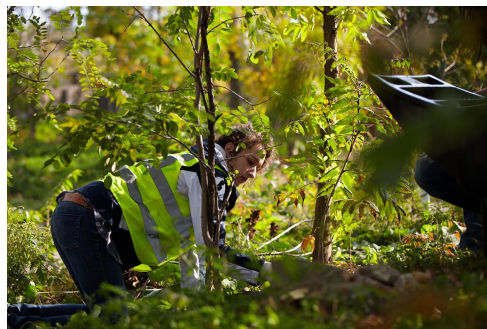
The Church of the Atonement, 618 Washington Avenue in Carnegie, will sponsor a Used Book & Jewelry sale on **Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** with a snow date of Feb. 9, from 1-3 p.m. Call Joyce regarding the snow day at 412-276-0366.

Donations accepted on Feb., 2, 3, & 4 by calling Joyce at 412-276-0366.



Multi-Faith Urban Forestry Summit Recommended by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee

[Tree Pittsburgh](#), [Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light](#), and the rest of the [Pittsburgh Canopy Alliance](#) is hosting a Multi-Faith Urban Forestry Summit in February. This Summit will be an action-oriented opportunity for faith leaders to learn about offerings from Tree Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light, the Pittsburgh Canopy Alliance, and how to get involved.



The Summit is planned for Monday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the [Pittsburgh Theological Seminary](#). The Summit will include a keynote speaker, a panel discussion, and breakout sessions. Food and beverages will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please [fill out this registration form](#).

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee Needs You!

If you care about matters of justice and would like an opportunity to fulfill your baptismal vow to work for peace and justice, please consider joining the Social Justice and Outreach Committee of the diocese. They meet the third Thursday of each month via Zoom.

Please contact Marianne Novy at 412-328-5540 or mnovy@pitt.edu for more information.



Six Steps to Sanity

Six Steps to SANITY Ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance abuse. The next weekly session is starting at [St. Thomas Memorial Church](#), 378 Delaware Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139, on **Tuesday, February 25 and will run until May 6. Meetings run from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** We invite anyone who is dealing with a loved one's substance abuse who could benefit from this ministry is invited.



Six Steps to SANITY is a faith-based ministry and support group adapted from the best-selling book, *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children* by Allison Bottke, for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. Using the Study Guide workbook, parents and families will learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction. Learning and applying these steps with other parents, spouses or other family members will produce healing and sanity in their lives. Registering in advance is required by contacting Deacon Tim Noca at 412-607-8328 or tnoca@diopitt.org.



Stevenson School for Ministry Upcoming Offerings

Leading Weddings and Funerals in the Late 2020s

February 11, 18, 25

2:00 pm EST

Instructor: Adam Trambley



The Stevenson
School for Ministry



As fewer funerals and weddings happen in our sanctuaries with congregations familiar with and comfortable in a Christian liturgy, our preaching and worship leadership needs to adapt. This three-session continuing education offering will look at changing expectations for weddings and funerals, identifying what we want our message and impact to be, and ways to deliver a sermon that accomplishes our goals in a new environment. Sessions will include introductory reflections and group discussions. Recommended resources will be provided for further exploration of these topics, as well. This three-session workshop, taught by the Rev. Adam Trambley, will be offered via Zoom on Tuesday February 11, 18, and 25, from 2:00- 3:00 pm.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration details.

Hymns and Music of Lent

Thursdays in Lent
March 6 — April 10
12:00pm EST
Instructor: Becky Zartman



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This six-session class is an interdisciplinary, high-energy romp through the history of Lenten liturgy, music and spirituality to reveal the humanity behind the hymns.

Classes include:

- Origins of Lent in Scripture, Liturgy & Sacred Music
- Memento Mori: The Lenten Spirituality of John Donne in Music and Poetry
- Lent Operas: Oratorios & Handel's Messiah
- Lent Bangers in Hymnal 1982
- "Sing my tongue the glorious battle": The Story of Venantius Fortunatus
- Psalm Sunday: The Life and Times of Psalm 118

For questions contact ssfm@diocesecpa.org. [Register here!](#)



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

February 16: Emmanuel, Northside

February 23: Nativity, Crafton

March 2: St. David's, Peters Twp.

March 5: Trinity Cathedral (Ash Wednesday)

March 9: All Saints, Brighton Heights

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.



Parting Shots

An Ordination in Ligonier

The Rev. Jack Brownfield was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church on Saturday, February 1, 2025, in festive service at St. Michael's of the Valley. Bishop Ketlen presided and the Rev. Dr. George Hunsinger of Princeton Theological Seminary preached. Additional photos can be found on the [diocesan Facebook page](#).



Bishop Ketlen Visited St. Peter's, Brentwood

Our friends at St. Peter's Brentwood welcomed Bishop Ketlen on Sunday, January 26. They had one baptism, nine confirmations, the blessing of their new Playground, and a wonderful reception following!



Diocesan Council Presidents, Past & Present

Our current Diocesan Council President, the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo (center), and past presidents, Kathy Baird and Jon Delano, gathered together during the reception following Jack Brownfield's ordination in Ligonier on Saturday, February 1. Quite an august trio!

